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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 30, the last line, change "nanaoparticles" to ---nanoparticles---.

The amendment corrects a clear typographical error.

The response to the Notice of Non-responsive Amendment dated 16 November referred to a copy of the amendment of the response mailed 01 July 2009 and included a post card receipt. This receipt indicated that an amendment was included along with the Terminal Disclaimer. Neither copy of this amendment was not present in the electronic copy of the file as of 4 December 2009. The Examiner asked applicants' representative to fax her a copy of this amendment. When the Examiner received a copy of the amendment, it was discovered that the cover sheet for this amendment listed a different application, 11/473,253. The Examiner looked at that applicants and found both copies of the amendment for this application had been entered into that application. The Examiner had the 11/16/09 amendment moved from application 11/473,252 to this application. The entries of 7 July 2009 in PAIR were created in the system only so that the Notice of Notice of Non-responsive Amendment could be mailed. They do not indicate that an actual amendment was received in this application since no such amendment was entered in this application for the reasons discussed above.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melissa Koslow whose telephone number is (571) 272-1371. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo, can be reached at (571) 272-1233.

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